





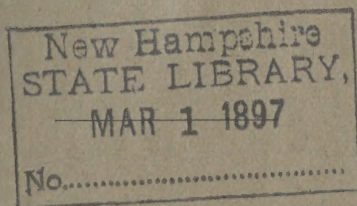


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# Town Officers.

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*Moderator,*

CHARLES E. SMITH.

*Town Clerk,*

H. JENNESS PAUL.

*Selectmen,*

DANIEL LYNCH, DANIEL C. WIGGIN,  
THOMAS LEDDY.

*Treasurer,*

CHARLES H. SANBORN.

*Collector of Taxes,*

HERBERT W. SMITH.

*Auditor,*

FRANK C. NEAL.

*Supervisors,*

CHARLES H. SANBORN, DANIEL G. NEAL,  
GEORGE S. LITTLEFIELD.

*School Board,*

JAMES H. FITTS, WILLIAM H. CONNER,  
A. W. RICHARDS.

*Library Trustees,*

JAMES H. FITTS, GEORGE S. PAUL,  
HARRIET E. SANBORN.

*Health Officers,*

GEORGE W. PAUL, DANIEL G. NEAL.

*Fire Wards,*

CHARLES E. SMITH, JOHN A. CONNOR.

*Highway Agent,*

JESSE S. GRAY.

# VALUATION OF NEWFIELDS, APRIL 1st, 1896.

142 polls,	\$14,200 00
Real estate,	208,715 00
110 horses,	6,308 00
8 oxen,	400 00
111 cows,	2,266 00
68 sheep,	217 00
8 carriages,	650 00
Money on hand,	5,166 00
Stock in banks,	3,626 00
Stock in trade,	10,300 00
Mills and machinery,	500 00

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\$252,348 00

Tax rate, \$1.90 per \$100.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

School money by law,	\$855 00
Extra school money,	145 00
School supplies,	50 00
Highways,	500 00
Public library,	100 00
Memorial purposes,	25 00
Town officers,	400 00
Town debt,	783 00
County tax,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous,	200 00
Street lamps,	200 00
Discounts,	400 00
Outstanding bills,	100 00

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\$4,758 00

# Collector's Report.

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NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1897.

Amount of '95 tax uncollected Feb. 15, 1896,	\$141 62	
Interest collected,	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$145 82
Cash to Treasurer,	\$141 17	
Abatements,	4 65	
	<hr/>	\$145 82

Amount of tax submitted to me for collection for the year 1896,		\$4,835 49
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$4,202 00	
Discounts,	373 84	
Abatements,	34 20	
Amount uncollected,	225 45	
	<hr/>	\$4,835 49

HERBERT W. SMITH, Collector.

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Examined and approved February 15, 1897.

DANIEL LYNCH,	} Selectmen of Newfields.
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	
THOMAS LEDDY,	



# Treasurer's Report.

Charles H. Sanborn, Treasurer, in account with the town of  
Newfields.

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Received of State, Insurance tax,	\$ 19 50
Railroad tax,	673 95
Savings Bank tax,	495 50
Literary fund,	72 80
D. G. Neal, interest on Walker note,	40 00
D. C. Wiggin, by note given,	300 00
H. W. Smith, Collector, 1895,	141 17
“ “ 1896,	4,202 00
H. J. Paul, licenses on 50 dogs,	93 20
C. A. Freese, glass broken in town building,	5 00
School board, for books sold,	1 50
Library Trustees, for fines,	5 52
Arthur L. Emerson, County Treasurer, pauper claims,	341 50
Arthur L. Emerson, County Treasurer, dependent soldiers' claims,	410 27
	\$6,801 91

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Paid State tax,	\$855 00
County tax,	901 51
Dependent soldiers and families claim,	392 77
County poor,	357 50
School board,	1,164 27
School supplies,	81 39
Miscellaneous bills,	1,087 13
Town officers,	223 98
Fire department,	18 90

Paid Street lights,	\$170 37
Cemeteries,	50 23
Help to poor,	222 26
Police and constables,	35 50
Snow bills,	130 55
Roads and bridges,	523 51
Library,	110 05
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	476 99
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	\$6,801 91

CHARLES H. SANBORN, Treasurer.

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# REPORT OF DANIEL C. LANGLANDS, HIGHWAY AGENT.

From Feb. 15, 1896, to March 20, 1896, paid on account of snow.

Daniel C. Langlands,	122 hours at	.20,	\$24 40
C. H. Raynolds,	12	" .20,	2 40
F. S. Foss,	17	" .20,	3 40
F. P. Neal,	21	" .20,	4 20
Geo. W. Varney,	6	" .20,	1 20
Geo. W. Pease, 2d,	6	" .20,	1 20
J. D. Clay,	5	" .20,	1 00
H. O. Neal,	5	" .20,	1 00
Levi A. Hanscomb,	17	" .20,	3 40
J. S. Gray,	10	" .20,	2 00
Chas. E. Quinn,	2	" .20,	40
B. Abbott,	5	" .20,	1 00
Newfields Bottling Co., horse,			1 75
R. S. Abbott,	27 1-2	" .20,	5 50
Geo. B. Wiggan,	42	" .20,	8 40
Plummer Thompson and horse,	3	" .35,	1 05
G. W. Paul, man,	5	" .20,	1 00
G. W. Paul, horse,	45	" .25,	11 25
Levi A. Hanscomb,	10	" .15,	1 50
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\$76 05



## REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, HIGHWAY AGENT.

From May 14, 1896, to Dec. 8, 1896.

J. S. Gray,	545	hours at .20,	\$109 00
J. S. Gray, horses,	390	" .20,	78 00
L. C. Raynolds,	35	" .20,	7 00
L. C. Raynold, horses,	35	" .20,	7 00
C. H. Raynolds,	25	" .15,	3 75
R. S. Abbott,	85	" .15,	12 75
F. S. Foss,	10	" .15,	1 50
E. Wormstead,	38	" .15,	5 70
Geo. W. Pease, 2d,	35	" .15,	5 25
A. C. Gray,	330	" .10,	33 00
John Bunker,	52	" .15,	7 80
Levi A. Hanscomb,	82	" .15,	12 30
Geo. Glading,	50	" .15,	7 50
Geo. W. Varney,	20	" .15,	3 00
Plummer Thompson,	70	" .15,	10 50
Geo. W. Pease,	20	" .15,	3 00
Wilbur Hayden,	50	" .15,	7 50
W. F. Jones,	40	" .15,	6 00
R. Howarth,	40	" .15,	6 00
A. H. Miles,	47	1-2 " .15,	7 13
Geo. W. Paul, man,	90	" .20,	18 00
Geo. W. Paul, horses,	90	" .20,	18 00
Geo. W. Paul, 20 loads of gravel at .15,			3 00
C. H. Trickey,	20	hours at .20,	4 00
C. H. Trickey, horses,	20	" .20,	4 00
H. W. Smith,	29	" .20,	5 80
H. W. Smith, horses,	20	" .20,	4 00
F. S. Foss,	31	" .20,	6 20
F. S. Foss, horses,	31	" .20,	6 20
C. W. Bean,	20	" .20,	4 00
C. W. Bean, horses,	20	" .20,	4 00
J. T. Pike, 8 rails and 28 loads of gravel,			6 00
Mrs. R. M. Pease, 48 loads of gravel,			7 20
H. T. Taplin,	20	"	3 00
J. W. Neal,	160	"	24 00

C. E. Benson, 16 rails,	\$4 00
C. V. Jenness & Son, 792 feet of plank,	11 88
H. P. Neal, 350 feet of plank,	3 85
J. F. C. Rider, posts,	50
Geo. L. Chase, 70 feet of plank,	1 05
B. H. Brown, 320 hours at .15,	48 00
John Trochere, repairing tools,	1 35
Thomas Leddy, 45 pounds of spikes,	1 80

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\$523 51

SNOW BILLS FROM DEC. 11 TO FEB. 12.

J. S. Gray,	50 1-2 hours at .20,	\$10 10
J. S. Gray, horse,	27 1-2 " .20,	5 50
B. H. Brown,	12 1-2 " .20,	2 50
Geo. Glading,	12 " .20,	2 40
Elma Paul,	5 " .20,	1 00
Levi A. Hanscomb,	27 " .20,	5 40
Reuben Howarth,	4 " .20,	80
James L. Goodwin,	4 " .20,	80
William Foley,	4 " .20,	80
C. S. Dixon,	3 " .20,	60
Henry Thompson,	5 " .20,	1 00
Alvin H. Miles,	26 1-2 " .20,	5 30
Charles Bean,	18 " .20,	3 60
R. S. Abbott,	16 " .20,	3 20
Fred S. Foss,	16 " .20,	3 20
C. H. Flood,	14 " .20,	2 80
John D. Clay,	14 " .20,	2 80
L. M. Carpenter,	10 " .20,	2 00
Charles Ramsdell,	2 " .20,	40
John Trochere, repairing snow plow,		30

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\$54 50

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid John Templeton, printing town reports,	\$34 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town buildings,	84 00
" " library,	15 00
" Treas. Memorial Association,	25 00



Paid A. C. Gray, care of town hall,	\$3 75
E. A. Hanson, stock and labor painting fence,	9 00
L. B. Smith, repairing cart,	27 00
J. A. Spead, printing tax bills,	2 00
D. C. Wiggin, lumber for fence,	1 40
Chas. E. Durrell, building fence,	2 86
L. M. Sanborn, note and interest,	514 58
L. H. Pinkham, supplies for election officers,	5 00
E. A. Hanson, repairing windows in town buildings,	2 00
J. H. Batchelder, 6 check lists,	90
D. G. W. Robinson, watering trough,	3 00
D. J. Lynch, copying inventory,	5 00
C. H. Sanborn, stationery and stamps,	72
S. P. Badger, rent of town office,	12 00
H. J. Paul, recording births, marriages and deaths,	6 60
H. J. Paul, stationery, stamps and express,	1 86
“ office rent,	5 00
“ repairs on ballot box,	1 25
D. C. Wiggin, for stationery, warrants, postage, etc.,	1 55
School District, borrowed money,	4 91
A. H. Varney, returning 13 births and deaths,	3 25
Charles A. Morse, returning 1 birth, 1 death,	50
Nancy Corson, returning 3 births,	75
A. H. Varney, returning 3 births, 9 deaths, for year 1895,	3 00
D. C. Wiggin, note and interest,	311 25

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\$1,087 13

#### HELP TO POOR, PAID BY COUNTY.

Paid Jane Putney, board of Smith and Putney children,	\$104 00
Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	65 00
Mary Crilley, supplies for Smith children,	78 00

Paid Catherine Goodwin, house rent for Mary Crilley,	\$20 00
E. A. Hanson, supplies for Mary Crilley,	44 00
*J. Low Elkins, medical attendance on account of Smith children,	4 00
*A. H. Varney, medical attendance on account of Mary Crilley,	8 00
State Industrial School, board for Walter Stuart,	34 50
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	\$357 50

\*Due from County.

#### AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PAID BY THE COUNTY.

Paid Eliza A. Gray,	\$130 00
Caroline F. Morse,	100 77
Hannah Thompson,	156 00
Christopher Staples,	6 00
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	\$392 77

#### HELP TO POOR, PAID BY THE TOWN.

Paid Oliver Purington, care of B. Flateau,	\$36 25
“ “ washing for B. Flateau,	4 00
Luther Purington, cutting wood,	“ 1 00
Walter Ordway, milk for	“ 2 08
T. Leddy, groceries and supplies,	“ 7 40
J. R. Ham, medical attendance,	“ 20 00
H. Taplin, house rent,	“ 6 00
J. Low Elkins, medical attendance,	“ 85 00
Newfields Bottling Co., telephone,	“ 1 00
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	\$162 73
Paid Freeman Sanborn, care of J. Delaney,	\$35 00
J. Low Elkins, medical attendance,	“ 19 25
Albert Clough, horse hire,	“ 3 50
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	\$57 75
Paid L. E. Chase, keeping poor people,	\$1 50
D. C. Wiggin, helping	“ 28
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	\$1 78



TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid E. A. Hanson, rent of library,	\$24 00
Mrs. D. C. Wiggin, books for library,	9 57
J. H. Fitts, library trustee,	52 29
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	24 19

\$110 05

CEMETERIES.

Paid Enoch Wormstead, on acct. of Walker fund,	\$8 48
Levi Hanscomb, " " "	9 00
John Bunker, " " "	3 75
J. S. Gray, horses and man, " "	2 75

\$23 98

CEMETERY AT JUNCTION.

Paid John Bunker,	\$3 00
Levi Hanscomb,	3 00
J. O. Pike,	6 00
J. S. Gray,	10 00
" for brimstone,	1 25

\$23 25

PISCASSIC CEMETERY.

Paid Albert Clough,	\$1 50
Levi Hanscomb,	1 50

\$3 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Edson C. Eastman,	\$6 21
American Express Co.,	45
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	5 60
Boston School Supply Co.,	57 35
Ginn & Co.,	83
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	9 20
D. C. Wiggin, express on school supplies,	1 75

\$81 39

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Daniel Lynch, serving as Selectman,	\$42 00
Daniel C. Wiggin,                   “	13 79
Thomas Leddy,                   “	10 00
H. J. Paul, serving as Town Clerk,	25 00
C. H. Sanborn,   “   Treasurer,	45 00
H. W. Smith,   “   Collector,	66 19
C. H. Sanborn, serving as Supervisor for 2 years ending November, 1896,	10 00
D. G. Neal, serving as Supervisor for 2 years ending November, 1896,	10 00
Frank C. Neal, serving as Auditor,	2 00
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	\$223 98

## SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid J. H. Fitts, serving on School Board,	\$26 27
A. W. Richards, serving on School Board for 2 years,	30 20
W. H. Conner, serving on School Board for 2 years,	30 00
C. H. Sanborn, serving as Treasurer,	5 00
C. H. Sanborn, Treasurer of School Board,	1,072 80
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	\$1,164 27

## POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid Wm. Pease, watching night of July 3,	\$2 00
“                   “                   “   Aug. 20, 21,	
22 and 23, in case of thieves,	6 00
“   for removal of Clifford shanty,	50
“   looking after thieves,	50
“   serving as police officer,	4 00
“   killing three dogs,	3 00
“   looking after unlicensed dogs,	1 50
“   serving warrant on Walter Stuart,	4 00
“   arrest of Geo. K. Thompson,	
and keeper two nights,	2 00



Paid Wm. Pease, taking Geo. K. Thompson to Exeter for trial,	\$1 50	
“ taking Geo. K. Thompson, to county farm,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$27 50
Paid Wm. H. Hartnett, team in Thompson case,		3 00
Albert Clough, team and expense, in Stuart case,		3 00
John B. Tetherly, watching night July 3,		2 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid John B. Tetherly, services at Oak Land fire, 4 hours,	\$0 80	
Walter E. Ryan, services at Oak Land fire, 4 hours,	80	
James L. Goodwin, services at Oak Land fire, 4 hours,	80	
C. E. Lyons, services at Oak Land fire, 4 hours,	80	
Levi Hanscomb, services at Oak Land fire, 5 hours,	1 00	
Newfields Bottling Co., man and team at Oak Land fire,	2 00	
Geo. W. Pease, man and team at Oak Land fire,	1 00	
Geo. W. Paul, 3 men, 6 hours each, at Oak Land fire,	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$9 90
Paid H. B. Andrews, watching fire at J. C. Chick's,	\$2 00	
Levi Hanscomb, “ “ “	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 00
Paid John A. Connor, services as fire ward and attending fires during the year,		5 00

## STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Albert Clough, lighting,	\$108 48	
D. C. Wiggin, for lamp supplies,	5 95	
Thomas Leddy, “ “	49 19	
Lamson & Field, “ “	5 75	
J. S. Gray, repairs on street lights,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$170 37

NEWFIELDS, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

Town of Newfields to Daniel Lynch, Dr.

## FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

Taking inventory,	\$10 00
Preparing inventory blanks,	2 50
Receiving “	2 00
Assessing taxes,	4 00
Preparing tax book,	3 00
Making returns of railroad stock,	2 00
“ Bureau of Labor,	1 00
“ “ Agriculture,	1 50
Time and expense to Portland in Delaney case,	5 00
“ To see Delaney,	1 50
“ To Brentwood,	2 00
Settling with County Commissioners,	1 50
November election,	2 00
Settling town accounts;	4 00
	<hr/> \$42 00

Received payment, DANIEL LYNCH.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

Town of Newfields to D. C. Wiggin, Dr.

## FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

1896.

April 20, Receiving inventory,	\$2 00
22, Assessing taxes,	2 00
July 16, Time to Exeter on Stuart case,	1 50
21, “ “	75
Nov. Attending Fall election,	2 00
Dec. 12, Settling State tax,	04

1897.

Jan. 22, Time to Exeter to settle County bills,	1 50
Feb. 13, Settling town accounts,	2 00
15, “ “	2 00
	<hr/> \$13 79

Received payment, D. C. WIGGIN.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., Feb. 13, 1897.

Town of Newfields to Thomas Leddy, Dr.

## FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

Taking inventory, self and horse, 10 hours,	\$3 00
Making out taxes, 10 hours,	2 00
Settling town accounts, 10 hours,	2 00
Attending March election, 1896, 5 hours,	1 00
“ November election, 10 hours,	2 00
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	\$10 00

Received payment, THOMAS LEDDY.

## ABATEMENTS.

1895.

Charles Ramsdell,	\$1 55
Albert E. Gray,	1 55
Thomas J. Wiggin,	1 55
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	\$4 65

1896.

Benjamin H. Brown,	\$1 90
George Ellison,	1 90
James Green,	1 90
Hugh Kelly,	1 90
Michael Leary,	1 90
Charles A. Manson,	1 90
Luther Purington,	1 90
Everett Reed,	1 90
Daniel R. Smith,	1 90
Frank P. Thompson,	1 90
James W. Robinson,	1 90
Alfred Miles,	3 80
Joseph Young,	9 50
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	\$34 20



# Financial Statement.

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## ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes, 1896,	\$225 45
Note of Daniel G. Neal, (Walker fund)	1,000 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	476 99
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	\$1,702 44

## LIABILITIES.

Walker trust fund,	\$1,000 00
“ “ unexpended interest,	202 22
James Pike's note and interest,	210 00
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	\$1,412 22
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Balance in favor of town,	\$290 22

DANIEL LYNCH,	} Selectmen of Newfields.
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	
THOMAS LEDDY.	

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This will certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agent and Collector, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK C. NEAL, Auditor.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1897.

## Report of the Library Trustees.

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The interest of New Hampshire in its library work is highly commendable. We received a letter from the State Librarian, dated at Concord, April 1, 1896, requesting a complete set of our "printed catalogues, reports and other publications." In response, a package of duplicate copies of our town reports was sent him. He replied :

"I have the town reports of Newfields which you so kindly sent this library. I find upon examination that we now lack only the years '61, '66, '73, '74, and all previous to 1859. I should be very glad to be able to complete the set. Any aid you can render will be greatly appreciated.      ARTHUR C. CHASE, Librarian."

The use of the State Library, with access to many of its books by express, was offered to our townsmen, Dec. 21, 1896, through the library trustees, under proper regulations.

We sent our representative to the Convention of State Librarians at Manchester, January 27, 1897. Such consultations will work for the greater efficiency of our state and town library system.

The pupils in our schools are learning to use the cyclopædias, histories, and other books of reference in the library.

We have been able for the first time to pay a money stipend for the care of the library. Hitherto, this great service has been a labor of love, otherwise uncompensated.

Including donations and purchases, 82 books have been added to the library the past year. It now contains 1,348 volumes.

Thirty applications for cards have been received since the last report.

Number of books taken during the year, 1,371 ; average weekly circulation, 27 ; average monthly circulation, 114 ; largest weekly circulation, March 21, 51 ; smallest weekly circulation, Nov. 7, 9. Percentage of fiction read, 54 ; juvenile literature, 24 ; travels, 6 ; history, 5 ; other classes, 11.

Donors to the Library, 1896: Mr. Reuben Howarth, 1 volume; Miss Isabel Paul, 1; Mrs. Geo. F. Willey, Derry Depot, 1; Mrs. Pinkham, 1; Mr. H. J. Paul, 3; Mr. James H. Wilkinson, 9; Middlesex Mechanics' Association, Lowell, Mass., 16; Newfields Book Club, 16.

Books donated: Life of Charles Sumner, J. D. & J. Chaplin; The Prisoner of Zenda, A. Hope; Manchester Up to Date; Cast Adrift, T. S. Arthur; Camp-Fire and Cotton-Field, T. W. Knox; Hard-Tack and Coffee, J. D. Billings; Last of The Mohicans, J. F. Cooper; Millennial Dawn, Saracinesca, Mr. Crawford; Robert Elsmere, Mrs. H. Ward; History of the U. S. Mint; John Bull and his Island, Max O'Rell; She, R. Haggard; Life of Bunyan, J. A. Froude; Carriston's Gift, Slings and Arrows, H. Conway; Old-town Folks, H. B. Stowe; Off the Skelligs, Jean Ingelow; Looking Backward, E. Bellamy; Hedged In, E. S. Phelps; Robert Falconer, David Elginbrod, The Elect Lady, Geo. Macdonald; Kit and Kitty, Perlycross, R. D. Blackmore; A Hazard of New Fortunes, W. D. Howells; Handy Andy, S. Lovér; Marmorne, P. G. Hammerton; Improvisatoire, H. C. Anderson; Daisy Miller, H. James; Two Years Ago, C. Kingsley; Undine, La Motte Fouque; Frankley, H. Greville; Claudia Hyde, F. C. Baylor; A Summer in a Canon, Timothy's Quest, K. D. Wiggin; The Great Shadow, Round the Red Lamp, Conan Doyle; Sonya Kovalevsky, translated by I. Hapgood; Travels in Three Continents, J. M. Buckley; Roberta, B. Fearing; Steadfast, R. T. Cooke; The Odd Number, Guy de Maupassant; Our Western Archipelago, H. M. Field; Theophrastus Such, Jubal and other poems, Romola, Geo. Eliot; The Aim of Life, P. Moxom; What is Worth While? A. R. Brown; Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush, Ian Maclaren. Books purchased, 34. Makers of Modern Rome, Mrs. Oliphant; Industrial Evolution of U. S., C. D. Wright; Conspiracy of Pontiac, 2 vols., Montcalm and Wolfe, 2 vols., F. Parkman; Life and Letters of Maria Edgeworth, 2 vols., A. J. C. Hare; Tom Brown at Oxford, T. Hughes; Beautiful Joe, M. Saunders; The Spy, J. F. Cooper; Over the Teacups, O. W. Holmes; Samantha at the World's Fair, M. Holley; Jean Ingelow's Poems; Life of Nancy, S. O. Jewett; We and Our Neighbors, H. B. Stowe; Three Boys in an Electrical



Boat, J. T. Trowbridge; Kate Carnegie, Ian Maclaren; Christopher Columbus, E. S. Brooks; The Horse Fair, J. Baldwin; History of U. S. and its People, E. Eggleston; Out of the Woods, G. P. Fisher, Jr.; Above the Range, T. R. Jenness, Boys of Chilhowee, S. E. Morrison; Chapters from a Life, E. S. P. Ward; Three Young Continentals, E. T. Tomlinson; Swept Out to Sea, D. Ker; Fairy Tales far and near, H. R. Millar; Tommy Anne, M. O. Wright; Legends of Florence, C. G. Leland; The Boys of Clovernook, M. B. Beal; Joel, A. F. Johnston; Titus, F. M. Kingsley; Three Little Daughters of the Revolution, Nora Perry.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$3 55
Appropriation drawn,	104 57
Received for fines,	5 52
	<hr/> \$113 64

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books,	\$9 57
“	24 19
	<hr/> \$33 76
Paid E. A. Hanson, for rent,	24 00
Salary of librarian for two years,	50 00
Railroad fare to state library convention,	1 34
Express,	35
Stationery and postage,	60
Balance on hand,	3 59
	<hr/> \$113 64

H. E. SANBORN,	}	Library Trustees.
GEO. S. PAUL,		
JAMES H. FITTS,		

Newfields, February 20, 1897.

## Report of School Board, 1896-7.

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The annual meeting of Newfields School District was held in the town hall on the evening of March 14, 1896. The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock P. M., by Christopher A. Pollard, clerk of the district. The following officers were chosen and qualified for the ensuing year: Daniel C. Langlands, moderator; Christopher A. Pollard, clerk; Charles H. Sanborn, treasurer; Frank C. Neal, auditor.

William H. Conner was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

The School Board met at the town office for organization, March 19, 1896. The following sub committees were chosen: Augustus W. Richards, on Piscassic school; William H. Conner, on finance and repairs; James H. Fitts, on superintendence, text books and supplies. William Pease was duly appointed truant officer for the year ensuing. It was thought best to employ the selectmen as agents of the district to enumerate the school children in town, and suitable blanks were suggested for their use. It was voted to open the several schools in town thirty-two weeks each, and to pay the same wages as last year. Applications from teachers were received. The following teachers were approbated for their respective schools: Harriet E. Sanborn, for the Primary school; Elizabeth H. Richards, for the Grammar school; and R. Althea Todd for the school at Piscassic. Matters pertaining to the renewing of the blackboards and to the tuition of pupils from out of town were discussed.

Satisfactory bonds of Charles H. Sanborn as treasurer of the district were placed in the hands of the School Board March 20, 1896.

The law provides that "School Boards shall file with the selectmen on or before the first day of August in each year their reports to their respective districts; \* \* they shall send to the superintendent

of public instruction copies of their annual reports and answers proposed by him relating to the schools in their district; the school year shall begin with the fall term." The items filed with the selectmen and reported to the state superintendent, August 1, 1896, are presented later in the general summary.

The April enumeration of school children in town between the ages of six and sixteen gives us 81; boys 39, girls 42. Twenty-one pupils have been vaccinated. One truant has been placed in the state Industrial School.

The Duntonian system of penmanship has been exchanged for the Educational System of Vertical Writing. This plain, legible, business style has many advocates, and is being quite generally adopted.

Several interesting books of supplementary study have been placed on the school desks, to the great delight of teachers and scholars. A few books have been sold at cost to pupils wishing to purchase them for their own use. The text-books now in use are Harrington's speller, Franklin readers, Patterson's grammars, Butler's geographies, Wentworth's arithmetics, Barnes and Swinton's histories, Meservey's book-keeping, Hutchinson's physiology, Hill's rhetoric, Wentworth's algebra, Mowry's civil government, Well's natural philosophy, Allen and Greenough's Latin grammar.

Certificates of scholarship, good moral character and capacity for government were granted the several teachers on Sept. 1, 1896, as required by law and operative for one year.

Our young people find it hard to give up their accustomed May Day for later Arbor Day, especially when the latter falls on Saturday.

"NEWFIELDS, N. H., April 27, 1896.

DEAR MR. FITTS:

"We the undersigned would like to go Maying to-morrow about ten o'clock, and stay all day at your consent.

Mabel Simpson, Isabelle Wiggin, Pauline Coon, Eva B. Stillson, Winifred Whipp, Agnes Baker, Alice Leddy, Alfred Conner, Edward J. Gray, Dayton C. Wiggin, Richard Hartnett, W. Arthur Simpson, Forrest Hayden, Hattie Bell Brown, Helen Howard, Jimmie Leddy, Andrew Hanscomb."



When this polite letter was presented by a large delegation of enthusiastic students of natural history, it received of course an affirmative answer, and April 28 was May Day for the Grammar school.

Other schools felt justified in speedily following their good example.

All the schools met in the town hall May 9, for social and rhetorical exercises. A good number of scholars and their friends were present. The program was under the charge of the Friday Literary Society. The session opened with recitations and with reading of the *Scholar's Weekly*, Vol. 1, No. 3. This was followed by three recitations by students from Piscassic. The closing act was an exhibition of Indian remains and relics. These chipped flints and grooved implements are to be placed in the N. H. College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts at Durham.

The school at Piscassic enters with enthusiasm upon the observance of Patriot's Day. Sixteen visitors were present to enjoy the interesting and patriotic exercises of May 29th.

Fourteen pieces of patriotic song, recitation and declamation were given by the Center schools in Odd Fellows Hall, on Memorial day, May 30. A procession was then formed of veterans, scholars and citizens, which marched to the cemetery to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes.

By appointment of Governor Busiel, Labor day fell on Monday, Sept. 7. A few families visited the beach, and the autumn term of school opened the next day.

The Teachers Association of New Hampshire is designed for the improvement and inspiration of the teachers, and so of the schools of the state. Two of our teachers availed themselves of the privilege of attending the meeting at Dover, Oct. 30 and 31.

Mr. J. J. Tasker appeared before the Friday Literary Society, Dec. 10, and delivered a beautiful and patriotic address of great interest. Subject: The Constellation of Liberty. It was a well written and well delivered address. Large gatherings should have the privilege of hearing it. With its accompanying song it would grace assemblies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Other simple lectures on the stars and constellations were given to the

Center schools on the evening of Jan. 7, and at Piscassic, Jan. 12, 1897.

The spring term at Piscassic closed Jan. 26, 1896.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., June 23, 1896.

MR. FITTS :—

DEAR SIR :

The Piscassic school requests your presence at the closing exercises, Friday afternoon, June 26. Exercises will begin at 2 :30 P. M.

HELEN SANBORN, Sec'y.

The program included reading, spelling, compound numbers, interest, recitation of pieces, dialogues and reading of the *Piscassic Reporter*. The schoolroom was finely decorated. Portraits of Washington and Lincoln were placed on the wall, and shelves for the school library were put in the windows. About a dozen visitors were present.

The Center schools held a public exhibition in the town hall June 29, 1896. The twenty-six parts included songs, recitation of pieces, declamations and readings from the *Scholar's Weekly*. The schools were addressed by Rev. Edward Smiley and Mr. Reuben Howarth. It was a pleasant gathering of scholars and their friends.

Other examinations attended by members of the School Board were held at Piscassic, Dec. 11, 1896, and Feb. 11, 1897; at the Grammar school, Dec. 14, 1896, and Feb. 12, 1897; at the Primary school, Dec. 16, 1896, and Feb. 12, 1897.

Notwithstanding some discouragement from the diminishing number of our pupils, our schools have done creditable work the past year.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Present every school day for six years : Mabel L. Simpson.

Present every day of the school year : Augusta L. Neal, Ernest S. Neal, Mabel L. Simpson, W. Arthur Simpson, Jennie M. Smith.

Present every day of the spring term : Richard Hartnett, Marion Howard, Augusta L. Neal, Ernest S. Neal, Mabel Neal, Lewis C. Reynolds, Bertha M. Sanborn, Helen A. Sanborn, W. Arthur Simpson, Mabel L. Simpson, Jennie M. Smith.

Present every day of the autumn term: Forrest Hayden, Jimmie Leddy, Andrew McWhinney, Robert McWhinney, Augusta L. Neal, Ernest S. Neal, Frank Ramsdell, Arthur W. Simpson, Mabel L. Simpson, Jennie M. Smith, Edgar Wentworth, Fred J. O. A. Spread.

Present every day of the winter term: Wallace S. Paul, Augusta L. Neal, Ernest S. Neal, Lewis C. Reynolds, Mabel L. Simpson, Eva B. Stillson, Jennie M. Smith, Isabelle Wiggin.

#### GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of schools in district, 3 ; semi-graded, 2 ; ungraded, 1. Length of all the schools in weeks, 96 ; each school, 32. School houses, 3 ; rooms, 4 ; unused, 1. Estimated value, \$4,000 ; apparatus, \$200. Pupils attending school, 98 ; boys, 55 ; girls, 43 ; under six, 9 ; between six and sixteen, 91 ; over sixteen, 4 ; greatest number in one school, 48 ; least number, 14 ; attending school elsewhere, 8. Average membership, 77 ; average daily attendance, 70 ; average per cent. of daily attendance, .9096. Female teachers, 3 ; average salary per month, \$37.33 ; normal graduates, 1 ; training school graduates, 2 ; all have attended a county institute. School revenue required by law, \$952 ; additional amount raised, \$150 ; literary fund, \$105.84 ; tuition and other sources, \$29.02 ; per cent. of school tax on district valuation, .0043. Paid teachers' salaries, \$890 ; school supplies, \$46.38 ; miscellaneous expenses, \$185.04 ; average expenses for each scholar, \$15.07. Schools in which physiology is taught, 3 ; official visits by School Board, 28.

#### CALENDAR FOR 1897-8.

Spring term begins April 5, 1897.

Autumn term begins September 6, 1897.

Winter term begins January 3, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,	} School Board.
WILLIAM H. CONNER,	
JAMES H. FITTS,	

NEWFIELDS, N. H., Feb. 23, 1897.



## REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

## DR.

Received Balance cash from last year,	\$250 24
School money by law,	855 00
“ “ appropriation,	145 00
Literary fund,	72 80
of School Board, for books sold,	1 50
of Town, for money borrowed last year,	4 91
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	\$1,329 45

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## TEACHERS.

Paid Elizabeth H. Richards,	\$320 00
R. Althea Todd,	288 00
Harriet E. Sanborn,	288 00
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	\$896 00

## FUEL.

Paid A. W. Richards, 2 cords pine slabs,	\$5 00
“ “ 3 “ wood,	9 00
“ “ sawing, and getting into shed,	1 50
Newfields Bottling Co., 5 cords pine wood,	15 00
E. E. Richards, sawing and getting in 3 cords wood,	3 00
Levi A. Hanscomb, sawing and getting in 5 cords wood,	6 00
C. H. Sanborn, coal,	57 87
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	\$97 37

## REPAIRS AND CLEANING.

Paid J. S. Gray, cleaning and repairing, 7 days,	\$12 75
Levi A. Hanscomb, 2 days,	3 00
A. W. Richards,	3 50
Margaret Smith,	4 20
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	\$23 45

## JANITOR AND SUPPLIES.

Paid E. J. Gray, janitor,	\$40 50
J. A. Spead, repairing clocks,	2 65
E. A. Hanson, supplies,	3 05
Thomas Leddy, “	1 66
D. C. Wiggin, “	45
J. H. Batchelder,	1 25
Charles S. Hilton, land rent for three years,	30 00
F. C. Neal, auditor,	1 50
Balance on hand,	231 57
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	\$312 63
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	\$1,329 45

CHARLES H. SANBORN, Treasurer.

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This will certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK C. NEAL, Auditor.

Newfields, N. H., February 15, 1897.

# Town Warrant.

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[ L. S. ]      STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Newfields, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To transact all other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

DANIEL LYNCH,	} Selectmen of Newfields.
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	
THOMAS LEDDY,	

A true copy—Attest :

DANIEL LYNCH,	} Selectmen of Newfields.
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	
THOMAS LEDDY.	

# School Warrant.



## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the school district of Newfields, qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the thirteenth day of March, 1897, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District officers for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
5. To transact all other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Newfields, this twenty-third day of February, 1897.

JAMES H. FITTS, WILLIAM H. CONNER, AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,	}	School Board.
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**BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.**

Date 1896.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still- born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
April	George W.,	M	5	L	Wm. J. McWhinney,	Sadie A. Smith,	Scotland,	So. Newmarket.
June		"	3	S	Frank C. Neal,	Lizzie,	So. Newmarket,	So. Newmarket.
Sept.	Ralph E.,	"	1	L	Ralph P. Jones,	Sarah R. Richards,	So. Newmarket,	Brentwood.
		"	5	"	George W. Kendall,	Maybel B. Taylor,	Bethel, Me.	So. Newmarket.
	Dorothy Monica,	F	6	"	Charles E. Howard,	Annie M. Lyons,	Greenland,	So. Newmarket.
Oct.	Annie G.,	"	1	"	Albert A. Caswell,	Isabel M. Hudson,	Lowell, Mass.,	Cambridge, Ms.
Nov.		"	1	"	Daniel R. Smith,	Alice B. Kuse,	So. Newmarket,	So. Newmarket.
Dec.	Herbert A.,	M	2	"	Herbert W. Smith,	J. May Davis,	So. Newmarket,	Bow.
Nov.		"	2	"	Alfred Lyons,	Sarah F. Sloane,	So. Newmarket,	Dover.

# MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 29	Newfields,	Fred A. Hanson, Josephine K. Lydston,	25 24	W "	Newfields, Kittery, Me.,	George P. Hanson, Martha Ramsdell, Charles J. Lydston, Lucinda Forsyth,	1st,	Edward Smiley, Clergyman.
June 18	Newfields,	Albert A. Caswell, Isabel M. Hudson,	52 34	" "	Lowell, Mass., Cambridge, Ms.,	George W. Caswell, Harriett L. Hanson, Thomas S. Hudson, Margaret Fenwick,	2d, 1st,	Almon B. Rowell, Justice of the Peace.
June 22	Exeter,	William Callihan, Annie Shannon,	34 28	" "	Ireland, Ireland,	Michael Callihan, Mary Callihan, Henry Shannon, Mary Shannon,	2d, 1st,	John Canning, Clergyman.
July 6	Newfields,	Mitchell Broder, Emma Jones,	53 39	" "	Winooski, Vt.	Mitchell Broder, Esther Devignon,	3d, 1st,	H. Jenness Paul, Justice of the Peace.
July 15	Exeter,	James W. Conner, Gracilla M. Willis,	22 22	" "	Exeter, Boston, Mass.,	John Conner, Mary E. Farnham, Joseph B. Willis, Eliza M. Atwell,	1st,	A. E. Woodsum, Clergyman.

Aug. 17	Exeter,	Charles F. Littlefield, Mary S. Hemmingway,	40 52	W "	Portsmouth, Strafford,	Charles H. Littlefield, Hannah Howard, Mary E. Tilton,	2d, "	J. H. Emerson, Clergyman.
Sept. 1	Newfields,	George T. McKenna, Cornelia W. Tuttle,	22 21	" "	So. Boston, Ms. Fall River, Ms.,	Thomas McKenna, Mary Hitchcock, Horace Tuttle, Annie Carbray,	1st,	Edward Smiley, Clergyman.
Sept. 24	Manchester,	Everard Felch, Alice Dunno,	40 20	" "	Hopkinton, Manchester,	Harris Felch, Betsy P. Chase, W. C. Dunno, Betsy Winn,	1st, 2d,	Charles J. Staples, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 5	Albert G. Henderson,	41	4	11	So. Newmarket,	M	W	M	George Henderson,	Ann McCabe.
10	Sarah S. Manson,	93	1	6	Newmarket,	F	"	W	Samuel Tarlton,	Jerusha Hopkins.
10	Ann Howarth,	74	2	29	Stockport, Eng.,	"	"	M	William Wilkinson,	Betty Handforth.
29	Catherine Batchelder,	27	8		So. Newmarket,	"	"	"	Michael Garocy,	Mary Clifford.
30	Amos Paul,	85	9	1	Newmarket,	M	"	W	Nathaniel Paul,	Mary Masters.
Feb. 28	Sarah F. Hanson,	46	9	26	Andover, Mass.,	F	"	M		
April 17	Mary A. Pease,	73	7	29	Epping,	"	"	"	George York,	Lizzie Counter.
June 9	Anur Counter,	3			Kingston,	M	"	S	Moses Counter,	
Aug. 28	Melinda C. Warren,	91	4	16	Danvers, Mass.,	F	"	W		
31	Joshua W. Neal,	86			Newmarket,	M	"	"	Eliphalet Neal,	Abigail Colcord.
Sept. 31	Frances J. Sead,	70	5	16	Newcastle,	F	"	W	Eben Yeaton,	Mehitable Porter.
15	Daniel F. Falvey,	10	23		Newfields,	M	"	S	Daniel Falvey,	Nellie Burke.
Oct. 12	Patrick O'Brien,	65	5	11	Ireland,	"	"	M	Patrick O'Brien,	Winifred Kenney.
21	Eveline P. Manson,	51	10	17	Piermont,	F	"	"	Moses Learned,	Hannah Jewett.
Nov. 10	John Bunker,	78	8	24	New Durham,	M	"	"	Andrew Bunker,	Mary Bickford.





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